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NORTON PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR COLORADANS TO PEN MESSAGES OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE FOR LONDON IN WAKE OF TERROR ATTACKS

(**DENVER**) – Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton today invited Coloradans to join her in sending messages of encouragement and hope to British Prime Minister Tony Blair as an expression of our state's sympathy and support following the terror bombings in London.

"Because our nation received such an outpouring of love and support from our British cousins following September 11, I know that Coloradans would like to express their sympathy and support during this difficult time."

Norton said a book that citizens can add personal comments and reflections to will be available in her office beginning Friday, and will remain in place until noon on Thursday. Coloradans are invited to stop by the Lieutenant Governor's office, located at 1525 Sherman Street, Suite 100, Denver, to sign the book with messages of support, which will be delivered, along with a Colorado State Flag, to the Prime Minister's office on July 15. Norton will make the presentation on behalf of the State of Colorado while traveling in London on personal business.

"This gesture is just a small token of unity and encouragement from our citizens who understand how important symbols of the world's support can be in the wake of such brutal attacks," Norton said. "We mourn with the rest of the nation for our closest allies across the sea who have been impacted by this horrific act."

Jane Norton was sworn in as Colorado's 46th Lieutenant Governor on January 13, 2003. She served in the Reagan Administration as a regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from April 1988 to January 1993.